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CAR THEFT REPORT

Seventh Street parking garage most stolen from

By Kato Guzman
Multimedia editor

The University Police Department (UPD), having captured a thief believed responsible for a recent spike in cars being stolen from SJSU, is still warning drivers to remain cautious.

The parking garage with the highest rate of theft is located on Seventh Street and San Salvador, ironically where UPD headquarters is located.

Located across SJSU parking garages are notices posted by UPD with warnings and tips about avoiding car thefts.

Every October, the UPD releases an annual safety report which compares crime statistics over the past three years.

While vehicle thefts on campus are low on average, there has been an increase from six thefts in 2013 to 11 in 2014.

"This semester has been pretty bad too actually," said UPD Sergeant Jenny Gaxiola. "However we did recover some.

We also made arrests related to the auto thefts, since then it slowed down."

UPD operates on our campus and within a radius around the school in order to be able to patrol the general vicinity.

Since the arrest in February there have not been any additional stolen vehicles from campus. UPD is still investigating if the suspect was responsible for the other thefts that occurred as well.

Lately people have been reporting parts being stolen from their cars.

The most common thefts that occur involve Hondas from the early 2000s and older, Civics and Accords specifically. Gaxiola recommends anyone with these cars that are susceptible to thefts employ extra security features such as installing an alarm or getting a lock for the steering wheel.

Civics are the most stolen cars in America because they are often used for spare parts, especially in the racing community, and because the cars are inconspicuous according to Immobilize, an anti-car theft website.

"There's a really good chance that the key from one Civic will work in another Civic," one Immobilize article said.

Civics remain the most popular used cars sold, according to several websites, including Odometer.

Due to the thefts and for the safety of students, UPD and Parking Services have increased the number of patrols through the parking garages.

Gaxiola said she also recommends using an app called "RAVE guardian."

RAVE Guardian was created for students to use to contact the UPD. From the app users

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RAISE THE FLAG

City honors Assyrian with raising flag

By Casey Geier & Rebecca Pirayou
Staff writers

The Assyrian flag raising that took place in front of San Jose City Hall last Friday brought to light the Assyrian refugees living in diaspora after the invasion and destruction of their homeland in recent years.

The annual event commemorates the Assyrians, a culture of indigenous people from various locations in the Middle East, that have recently been uprooted.

San Jose is home to many Assyrians as well as containing various groups and organizations that support Assyrians in both the Bay Area and the Middle East.

The flag raising takes place every year around this time to recognize the Assyrian culture and celebrate the Assyrian New Year.

"Not that many people know about the Assyrian culture, so this event is a great way to spread Assyrian culture," said Sabrina Morad, senior communications major.

Morad was dressed in a traditional vibrant and colorful Assyrian garment.

An art exhibition was held in the city hall building showcasing framed Assyrian art and displayed sculptures on tables.

Some pieces were originally made in ancient Mesopotamia.

"The festivities that the Assyrian people held a millennia ago were twelve days (long) and today marks the first day of those twelve days," said Father Lawrence Namato, Parish Priest at the Assyrian Church of the East, Mar Yosip Parish in Willow Glen.

The Assyrians, whose culture is based majorly on their Christian faith, endured a genocide around a hundred years ago. Since then, they have constantly faced being pushed out of their homeland.

"I used to live in Iran, but left Iran after the Islamic Revolution and to enjoy the freedom here," said Rev. Samuel Khangaldy. "We have thousands (of Assyrians) in San Jose, and we try to introduce ourselves to the community. We are raising the flags because we are an alive nation."

Father Lawrence led the crowd in a prayer, reminding attendees that the Assyrian people are still being oppressed today in the Middle East.

Father Lawrence said that in June 2014, the Islamic State attacked various cities and villages

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BURDICK MILITARY HISTORY

Project reveals hidden memorabilia



Kato Guzman | Spartan Daily

The Burdick Military History Project is home to thousands of books and offers a quiet study area for veterans.

By Kato Guzman
Multimedia editor

On the second floor of the Industrial Studies building, in room 239, is a little known library that is home to historical documents, military artifacts and over 5,000 books on military history.

The Burdick Military History Project began in 1995 and was named after former SJSU History Department Chairman, Dr. Charles Burdick, who took over the department in 1975 and retired in 1988.

The project is spread throughout

the military and history sections of the MLK library and a large portion is collected in a room at Industrial Studies 239 where roughly half of the total 10,000 books are kept.

According to the Online Archive of California website, Burdick grew up in San Jose and graduated from Lincoln High School. He attended SJSU before fighting in the United States Army in World War II.

After returning from the war, Burdick received his Ph.D from Stanford University in 1954 and

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Comic Con flies to Silicon Valley

By Kato Guzman
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The inaugural Silicon Valley Comic Con (SVCC) took place at the San Jose Convention Center this past weekend.

The event opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Steve Wozniak, or Woz as he refers to himself, co-creator of Apple and the face of the new convention.

Sam Liccardo, mayor of San Jose, gave an opening speech and called for Silicon Valley to "unleash the geek" as he introduced Woz to the crowd.

"We're imaginative, we're creative, we're innovative and we're

leading the world because we use our geekiness to transform the future," Liccardo said during the opening ceremony.

Woz also spoke to the crowd before he donned oversized scissors and cut the ribbon alongside a row of cosplayers dressed as iconic characters from Star Wars and Marvel Comics.

"We've excelled in the computer area so we're going to show off bits of technology to go right along with pop culture," Woz said.

The doors opened, the celebrities jumped onto

the back of a security guard's golf carts and SVCC was underway as the massive mob of eager attendees flooded through the doors of the convention floor.

SVCC was announced last year at the similar but smaller Big Wow! ComicFest.

Big Wow! was absorbed into the larger Comic Con International family and now exists under the same umbrella as New York Comic Con and the massive San Diego Comic Con.

Woz used his ideas and connections to mold SVCC into a combination of modern and future tech with pop

culture and comic books.

There was something for every type of geek at the convention.

There were tons of toys ranging from old to new and yet to be released. Shelves at some booths were filled with comic books from the early days of the medium to some of the latest and most popular and some no one ever heard of.

There were cosplayers all over the convention including local cosplay communities such as the Star Wars dedicated 501st and the Bay Area Ghostbusters with their Ectomobile.

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Participants dressed in traditional Assyrian attire and event planners help raise the Assyrian flag in front of San Jose City Hall to honor the Assyrian New year, Friday March 18.

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quickly became a well-known scholar on the subject. He then came back to SJSU, this time as a history teacher and eventually moving up to Dean of the College of Social Sciences.

He cultivated a large collection of books about military history throughout his career and donated a large portion of the books to the project. Burdick wrote and edited over 20 books on the subject as well as publishing numerous articles and book chapters.

Burdick died in 1998, 10 years after retiring. The Military History Project was named in respect to his memory.

SJSU has a \$1,000 scholarship available to all students, named in honor of Burdick and his 45-year career at the university.

The SJSU scholarship website refers to Burdick as an “internationally-known military history scholar” and notes that he was awarded the two highest awards for faculty: the President’s Scholar Award and Outstanding Professor Award. He was also awarded the CSU’s systemwide

Outstanding Professor Award twice.

Students, especially veterans, are encouraged to study in the quiet room where they have access to books covering everything from the Napoleonic Wars, American Civil War and world wars to Vietnam and the Cold War.

The collection has been cultivated by Jonathan Roth, professor and director of the Burdick Military History Project and history teacher at SJSU.

Roth’s father served with Burdick, and Roth considers himself lucky for having known Burdick while he was growing up. He was happy to help expand the collection his mentor started.

“A lot of the vets come and use the Burdick as sort of a study area,” Roth said. “The ROTC uses it. It’s a military history room, but we use it to support vets and military students also.”

The library contains a vast wealth of information, but the books are not circulated and must be kept in that room, partially because some of the books are out of print and because some are first editions. There are also historical artifacts in

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in Northern Iraq, where large populations of Assyrians existed and considered their homeland. Not only did ISIS force them out of their homes, kidnap and kill them to honor their extremist beliefs, but they destroyed ancient Assyrian artifacts that were centuries old.

Many Assyrians fled their homes in the Middle East to escape this regime and Friday’s flag raising event was a way for San Jose to welcome them into the city.

“We want to ensure that all members of the community have a place of refuge and to feel safe,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo as he addressed the crowd about the accommodations the city of San Jose will continue to make for Assyrian refugees. The day before the event, Secretary of State

John Kerry declared ISIS’s violent acts against Christian minorities and other religious groups a genocide.

According to the Ancient History Encyclopedia, the Assyrian Empire fell around 612 B.C. Since then, Assyrians have been spread out all over the world, seeking refuge while continuing to try to preserve their culture and history.

Rochelle Yousefian, president of the Assyrian American Association of San Jose, said that the association will work with San Jose to accommodate refugees so they do not have to be away from their community.

“We want you here, we want you to be with your brothers and sisters,” Yousefian said.

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the room, like a 17th century samurai helmet, a Guidon flag from a San Jose hospital company that went to France during World War I and a military planning map from an island reclaiming in World War II.

“We have a phone book from Berlin from 1940 which has Adolf Hitler’s phone number in it,” Roth said.

Included in the project is a collection of interviews of veterans including faculty members. The interviews are on all different types of media ranging from reel to reel tapes to VHS recordings to DVDs.

Intern and history graduate student Marvin McCrary is currently helping organize the project. One of his duties

includes digitizing the interviews to put on the project’s website.

“What I’ve been doing this semester, it’s really the tip of the iceberg,” McCrary said. “I’ve been organizing the collection. It’s the tip of the tip of the iceberg really, because there’s just so much.”

The project survives on the help of volunteers and interns, like McCrary, and on donations often from veterans interested in keeping the project alive.

The room is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

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March 22, 1968 - The Spartan Daily ran a story on SJSU's first "pirate" radio station, KXUP, which at 100 milliwatts, was not affected by the Federal Communication Commission's regulation. The station was created after multiple students working for the school's radio station, KSJS, resigned. The students said they quit KSJS "in protest of current KSJS policies and the suspensions" that students received over a "controversial broadcast" which aired on Feb. 20, 1968. The staff of KXUP included six former KSJS stu-



Information compiled by Nick Avila
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Photo courtesy from Spartan Daily Archives

dents, three of which were suspended for the Feb. 20 broadcast. Jim Brewer, Experimental College Board of Trustee member, said at the time that "KXUP has been accepted as part of the Experimental College program." In another Spartan Daily story, which ran Oct. 7, 1968, an open letter to the former KPUX staff announced that the station would not air again for the rest of the semester due to insufficient funds from the ASB Student Council. There is little information as to what happened thereafter.

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can leave anonymous tips, call UPD or the local city police or file a report. Commuters are also encouraged to not only hide their belongings but also check their cars to make sure everything inside is where it belongs. There have been reports of vehicles being stolen and returned to different parking spots and sometimes returned with different items inside left by the joyrider or with parts missing.

According to the San Jose City Police Department's Mid-Year Preliminary UCR Part I Crimes report, there were 3,355 reported vehicle thefts in San Jose between July and December of 2015. The city of San Jose is ranked number ten for vehicle theft rate according to the Insurance Information Institute and Honda Accords and Honda Civics rank most lists as the top two stolen cars in America.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

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- 14 Asian capital
- 15 Cook's apparel
- 16 Well-used pencil
- 17 Factory outputs
- 19 Gambling cube
- 20 Soap and water results
- 21 Roman setting
- 23 Pre-landing period
- 27 Atones
- 29 Renders 26-Down
- 30 ___ duck (Chinese dish)
- 31 Severely
- 32 Bleated like a sheep
- 33 Geologic time division
- 36 "___ have to do for now"
- 37 Survives without help
- 38 Alternative on a test
- 39 Balmoral Castle's river
- 40 Bundled, in the hayfield
- 41 Take by force
- 42 Like an ear-piercing sound
- 44 Auspicated
- 45 Companies selling stock, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Broad figure?
- 2 Solo of sci-fi
- 3 "30" to an editor
- 4 Cut roughly, as limbs
- 5 To begin with
- 6 Ace of clubs?
- 7 "Mr. Holland's ___" (1996 film)
- 8 Pendulum's path
- 9 Wobbly walker, perhaps
- 10 Unappetizing
- 11 Jeopardizing
- 12 Culpability
- 13 Does as one's told

18 Things belonging to us

- 22 Cato's X
- 23 Wildly enthusiastic
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- 25 Perpetuity
- 26 ___ and void
- 27 Check one's total
- 28 ___ out a living
- 30 Jury box denizens
- 32 Partners of whistles
- 34 European blackbird
- 35 In dire straits
- 37 Weather condition, sometimes
- 38 New driver, typically
- 40 Milwaukee team
- 41 Backyard cooking devices
- 43 Quality of a color
- 44 Dungeons and Dragons beasts
- 45 Hopping mad
- 46 "___ Off" (1996 film)
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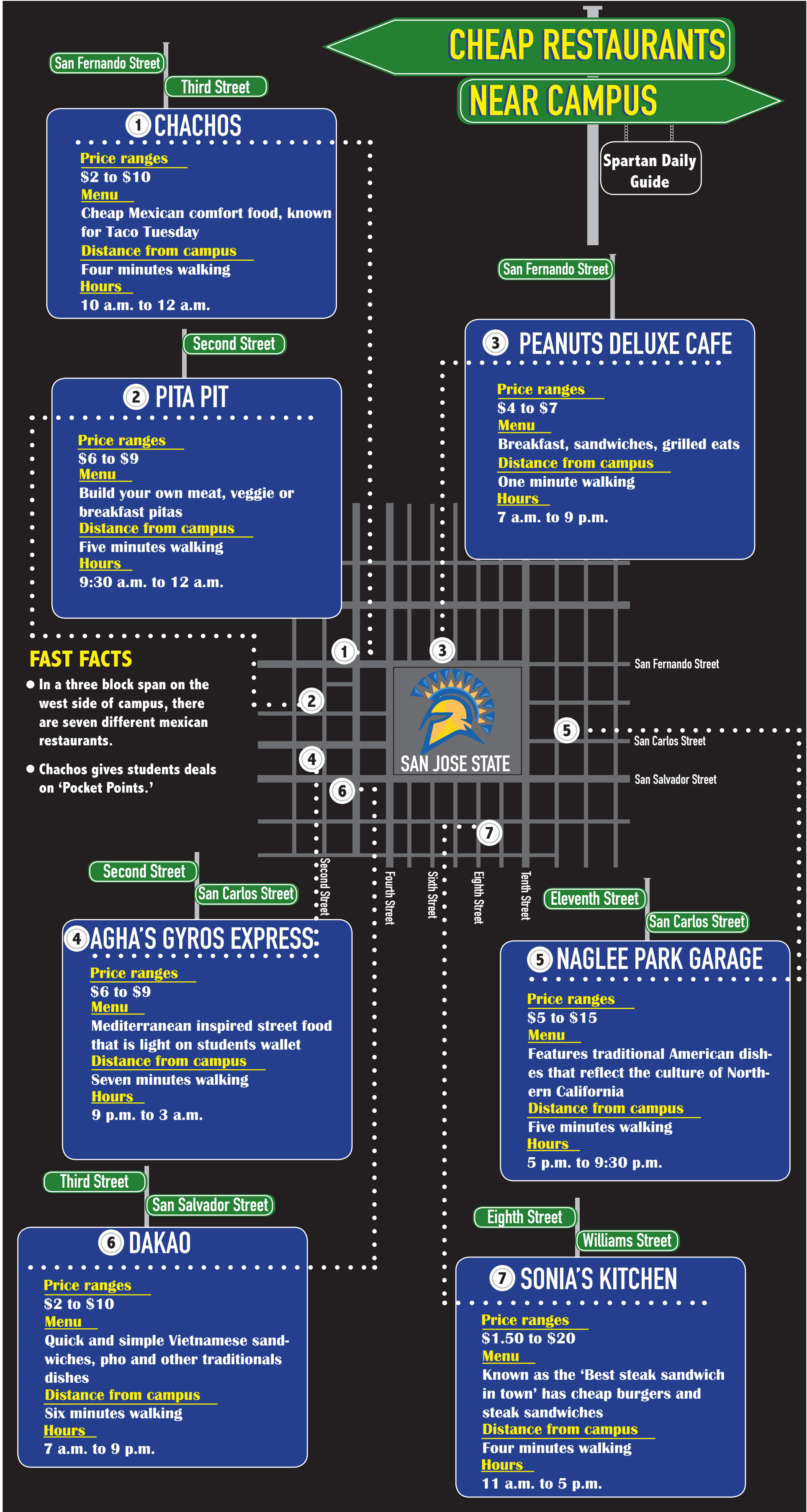
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Eighth annual Holi festival starts off Spring with splash of colors

By Jose Munguia
Staff writer

Photos by Quincy Bouldin and Kevin Mistry

Last Saturday colors flew as the Indian Student Organization held Holi on the A.S. lawn, leaving all the attendees covered in the bright gulal powder. Holi is a traditional festival from India celebrated to mark the win of good over evil. Students came together at noon at the lawn with clean clothes and clean faces, but left covered in a variety of bright colors. Live music played as students were covered in the gulal, an organic powder and one of the main components of Holi. The festival drew the attention of many curious residents and SJSU students walking by and others joined in albeit not knowing the purpose. Newly elected Indian Student Organization President, Duven Mehta, helped organize the festivity which attracted more than 400 people.



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There were celebrity guests such as Stan Lee, creator and co-creator of some of Marvel's most successful superheroes including Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk, The Fantastic Four and Iron Man. There was a special "Back to the Future" panel featuring Christopher Lloyd who played Doc Brown in the movie, Michael J. Fox and Lea Thompson. Nathan Fillion from "Firefly," William Shatner, Jeremy Renner who plays

Hawkeye and many more celebrities were all in attendance. The convention filled up fast and the line to get wristbands zig zagged throughout the registration room, shot out the door, snaked down the street, around the corner and reached the intersection of Market and San Salvador. The aisles crowded fast and the walkways turned into traffic jams. The convention echoed the setup of San Diego's Comic Con but on a much smaller scale. There was a main floor for buying

and selling, meeting artists, testing tech, seeing movie displays and taking pictures. The mixture of pop culture and technology came in the form of App Alley which was an area on the main selling floor set aside for tech pioneers to show off their latest innovations. Former Microsoft programmer and architect of Windows 95 and Internet Explorer, Satoshi Nakajima introduced his app Swipe which will allow comic book creators to animate their own digital comics. "This a new standard I'm trying to create for animations and videos combined," Nakajima said. There was a separate area with rooms set aside for panels, discussions with professionals in the industry allowing the professionals to share their expertise and allowing attendees to ask questions. The panels ranged from questions and answers segments with icons like Stan Lee to small talks with local comic book artists and even conversations about the physics of the Marvel Universe. Another section below the first floor was set up for gamers to play everything from pinball machines and board games to classic arcade and newer console games. The bustling sales floor, crowded aisles, long lines and popular panels drew a massive crowd this weekend. One of the event's biggest draws was a panel with Stan Lee where he answered questions from fans.



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Cosplayers dressed as Captain America and Iron Man pose for pictures at Comic Con.

The room was packed and filled with laughter as Lee proved that even in his old age he could still crack a joke. "When have the next Academy Awards they better have a category for the best cameo of the year," Lee said. SVCC was packed with roughly 30,000 people, a much smaller crowd than San Diego Comic Con's roughly 130,000 people per year. "It's cool. It's fun," attendee Jason Ty said. "But it isn't San Diego Comic Con." The date for next year is to be determined.



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Cosplayers bow before Lokis in front of the San Jose Convention Center for Silicon Valley Comic Con.

Internet service providers are stealing your data

Something needs to be done now

By Tyler Kittle
Staff writer

Have you ever browsed the Internet, researched a product, and then noticed an ad for that exact product on a different website? Huh, that’s weird. Then you see another and another. What’s going on? Is someone tracking you?

The simple answer is yes. Websites and your own Internet service provider (ISP) can collect your data and share it with other companies.

How did they gather this information so easily? Whenever you go to any website, your web browser saves a file called a cookie.

Cookies are files used to store data about you that is relevant to the website, such as passwords or items in your shopping cart.

However, in certain cases, some of these cookies track your browsing information on different websites. When the user is in contact with the server that gave them the cookie, the server takes that information and uses it for advertising purposes.

In addition to websites, the ISP that you pay for does this too, regardless of whether or not you know it. Plus, since ISP provides you with Internet access, they can basically watch all of your unencrypted web browsing. All of it.

This is why Tom Wheeler, chairman of Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has created a proposal to make it easier for consumers to understand and be able to opt in or out of this “service.”

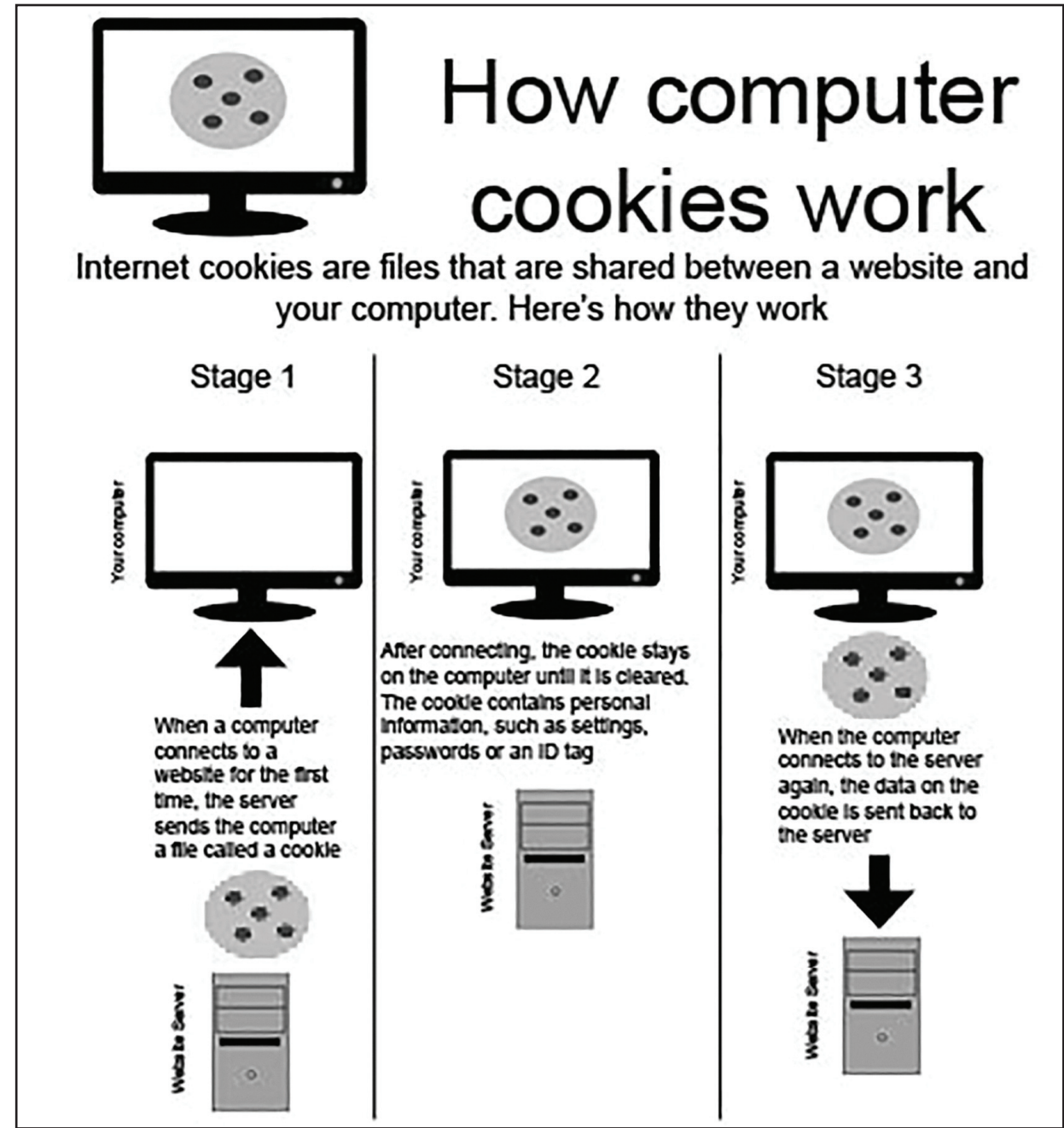
According to the proposal, ISPs would have to tell consumers what data their ISP can see and how it will be used. The consumer can then choose if they want the ISP to share this data with other businesses.

However, according to the New York Times, ISPs would still be able to send this information to other internal communications services under this proposal. This is not completely bad, since your data will not be shared with outside businesses.

The proposal also hopes to make ISPs more secure with consumer data, as they likely have much of it. According to The New York Times, this proposal would put ISPs under stricter privacy rules than Internet website companies.

Not only will the proposal stop ISPs from sharing your data on purpose, but it will try and prevent it from being “shared” by hackers as well.

Unless encrypted, ISPs can see almost everything you do on the Internet, according to the proposal. Yet, your ISP likely shares this sensitive information.



Infographic by Tyler Kittle

The FCC recently fined Verizon for using “supercookies” to track their users for targeted advertising, according to NBC News. These “supercookies” were used without customer consent and could not be deleted like regular cookies, which greatly breaches customer privacy. The proposal notes that telephone networks have privacy rules, but broadband lacks such rules.

NBC also reports that the fine was \$1.35 million, which is absolutely ridiculous. A huge business spies on their users without their consent, and that’s all they get fined? That’s similar to getting a \$5 ticket for reckless endangerment; not much of a deterrent.

If the proposal is accepted and instituted, it will prevent broadband ISPs from doing what Verizon did and help consumers understand that their data is being seen and have some say in what becomes of their

sensitive information, which is always a good thing. If only it could go further, such as controlling website cookies that track user’s private information.

However, the proposal states that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has control over website privacy laws, not the FCC.

New privacy laws will greatly aid consumers and slow the ability for various businesses to screw over current and potential customers.

It’s about time that some of these large businesses were told no. Now, if only such a thing were to control the government in such a way.

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The WST is absolutely pointless

By Casey Geier
Staff writer

I took numerous standardized writing tests in order to get to college, like the SAT and college entry exam. The involuntary nature of the WST test, along with its essentialness to take upper division GEs (100W classes) makes it feel like a pointless pit stop in our education path.

Students need to have taken English 1A and 1B prior to signing up for the WST. These classes provide more English knowledge than the WST can even come close to.

Not to mention SJSU requires students to take an English placement exam immediately after enrollment. I was excused from this test because I passed

AP English in high school, yet I was not excused from taking the WST.

I took the WST in February and walked into the testing room expecting a standardized test evaluating a student’s English and writing knowledge. Instead I got a vague essay which I had 45 minutes to complete. I spent \$38 to vomit words on a page for an hour.

“None of my English skills were put to use,” said Roya Bahrain, sophomore marketing major. “Students could be using that money for something else.”

The WST is an insult to college student’s knowledge, a lazy assessment that serves no purpose.

The fact that the school is questioning my ability to write a simple essay in my sophomore year is concerning on behalf of the school.

Issuing a test like this undermines the teaching ability of the entire English department. An eighth-grader could write the WST, for goodness sake.

Since SJSU clearly doesn’t think English 1A and 1B are sufficient instruction, they should offer an online learning platform for students.

Universities such as Harvard and UC Berkeley offer free online courses in a variety of subjects in their EDX series, a free online platform for instruction that would be immeasurably more effective than a mandatory paid writing test.

SJSU offers a multitude of writing workshops every month that inform students how to construct thesis



sentences, brainstorm in-class essay ideas and other skills. Instruction from these workshops should provide students all the additional writing knowledge needed to pass the WST.

These skills are already enforced in English 1A and 1B, making the WST seem increasingly redundant.

“Everything that we learned in English 1A and 1B is basic English knowledge,” said Andrea Alafritz, sophomore health science major. “The WST is nothing but a simple writing test ... it’s pointless.”

For students that forgot to enroll in the WST the semester before taking 100W classes, you’re out of luck because those classes are off limits to students that haven’t yet passed the test.

I had to take an area of general ed. twice because I missed the WST enrollment date and needed units to be a full-time student. The money and time it’s going to cost me is unnecessary and completely advertable.

Testing dates aren’t flexible either, so a family emergency or something like that is not a viable excuse. Yet the writing office has the right to alter times and dates at will.

The WST needs to go. It’s shallow, unmeaningful and a jab at student’s time and money.

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Superhero movies not super

By Yale Wyatt
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I don't care too much for superhero movies. Actually, I hate superhero movies. The recent trend of factory-churned, high budget messes are mostly terrible flicks that don't deserve a second viewing.

Of course, there have been superhero movies for a long time, but they didn't annoy me as much as they do now. I had a soft spot for the "Spiderman" series when I was a kid (yes, even with Tobey Maguire), and Christopher Nolan's Batman series included legitimately great films. "X-Men" was redundant but ignorable. I was happy and at peace with the world, but little did I know my halcyon days would be painfully torn away from me by the iron grip of Tony Stark.

I remember my sister raved about Iron Man. I didn't see it in theaters, only on TV with my family one night. I wasn't expecting much, really. I didn't think I would hate it that much, but I did. I hated Tony Stark, his stupid suit, his cocky attitude, his stupid sense of humor, and most of all, I hated Robert Downey Jr.'s stupid face.

Foolishly, I believed that was it. "It was a bad movie, sure," I thought to myself, "but whatever. They can't make a sequel to that garbage."

I was wrong. Twice.

"Iron Man" was a money-making machine. It was only a sign of things to come.

After "Iron Man's" runaway success, some crackpot at Marvel suggested, "If these guys make so much money,



why don't we put all of them in a movie?"

"The Avengers" came out in 2012 and everything changed. It went on to be the third top-grossing movie of all time at \$1.5 billion. Everything around that time was "The Avengers this, The Avengers that." Thus ended the "Phase 1" of Marvel's timeline, which chronicles the overarching storyline of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Thus, Marvel started cranking out two or three movies per year. DC comics, in effort to bank off the hype and compete with their rival, has started to up their ante.

Despite my subjective biases based on the subject material, I still think this is a terrible idea for both companies and is going to trash the reputation of their beloved heroes in the long run.

The market is being watered down. Sure, each movie is making its fair share of money, but over time, nobody is going to care. At the rate both companies are going, the market will be watered down. There can only be a certain dozen of "The Avengers" and "Iron Man" sequels before fans stop giving a s**t. Although there have been a ton of real stinkers in the franchise, (If anybody reading this sincerely liked "Thor 2," please write to me. I want to know if fans of Thor exist), the whole quality of both companies are inevitably going to plummet.

The current age of superhero movies are redundant and silly. It doesn't matter whether it's a quality installment in the story of that superhero, as long as it's big, it's overproduced and it's explosive.

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Pay-per-view treats fans with disrespect

By Ryan Vermont
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From a fan's perspective, big-time pay-per-view events are going down a disappointing and disrespectful path.

My bone to pick particularly involves pay-per-view event fighting events like boxing or mixed martial arts, which gather much buildup and manage to underachieve time and time again.

I realize that paying for viewership has been around for quite a while now, but in the last several years, promoters are charging a fortune for over-hyped, disappointing events and it's becoming habitual.

There has only been one PPV event that had enough privilege to collect a share of my cash. It was the Pacquiao vs. Mayweather fight on May 2, 2015. The fight was the most expensive PPV broadcast in history at the time, priced at \$89.95

Biggest rip-off of my life.

I was expecting what was branded as the "fight of the century," but what I saw was an injured Pacquiao and Mayweather whose nimble style involves much less punching and more dodging.

Granted, it was paid for with an accumulated pot of



broke college students and went all 12 rounds, but the fight was not particularly entertaining and definitely didn't live up to the hype.

According to International Business Times, the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight grossed approximately \$500 million in total revenue, generating a record-breaking 4.4 million PPV buys.

Now compare that to 1980 welterweight championship fight between Roberto Durán and Sugar Ray Leonard.

According to Steve Seepersaud in his article "Money In Boxing: The Pay-Per-View Craze," around 155,000 customers paid to watch the fight which cable companies charged just \$10.

Even with inflation over time, \$10 back is only \$28.78 on the dot in 2016.

That seems pretty reasonable, and there wouldn't be an issue in my book if that was the price today; however, that's not the case. My biggest issue is with the price.

What also bothers me is the fact that any sports league has the option and ability to charge for viewership; however, they don't.

Understandably, the fan base of bigger organizations like the NFL or MLB are larger and so they don't need the added bonus, but making fans pay extra and at the price the fighting industry does is foolish.

PPV makes access to watching the stars of the sport demanding and unpredictable. Not all fans have the ability to purchase the event, and even if it gets bought, it's a gamble because these events are usually unpredictable.

In one of her earliest bouts, Ronda Rousey took home a reported \$130,000 in salary earnings for her 14-second bantamweight title defense over Cat Zingano at UFC 184, including Rousey's \$50,000 fight night bonus that equals \$12,857 per second.

Floyd Mayweather himself racked in an estimated \$230 million from the Pacquiao fight.

If my math is correct, that \$230 million divided by 2,160 (12 rounds x 180 seconds) Mayweather made an unfathomable \$106,481 a second in the fight.

There obviously is enough money being made. The unfortunate thing isn't a simple way to solve this predicament. The price to pay will continue to increase, as it has been since the inaugural PPV event.

Commercials for the fight are shown continuously and ads get blown up across the internet and its a problem that's going to continue to be pushed upon us.

If somehow the viewership numbers decrease, fight promoters will have no choice but to respond by lowering the cost or scratching the cost of the event all together.

The consumer is the only one getting screwed over by PPV, while everyone else is getting theirs. People have to decide themselves that paying for these events aren't worth the price.

Until that day, the UFC, boxing industry, the athletes, Vegas and all others involved will continue to unnecessarily profit from these events.

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Zika virus is not much to worry about in the US

By Tony Nunez
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The Zika virus is real, but it is not the beginning of the end. The U.S. has problems of its own and the nation has fights that need to be finished.

Well, for those of you who have been too busy with Kanye West's tweets or other use-less garbage, the Zika virus is a disease spread through mosquito bites, much like dengue.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states the disease sometimes comes with little to no symptoms, though fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes) might be an indication of the disease.

The disease, however, has been linked to an alarming number of birth defects in children being born in South America. But there is still no solid scientific evidence that the virus is directly connected to birth defects, according to the the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO).

Despite the lack of research and data backing the link, the WHO officially deemed the Zika virus a public health emergency on Feb. 1.

WHO states that the virus is present in 37 countries, including the United States.

Over the last few weeks, U.S. citizens arriving home from trips to Brazil and other South American countries have been hospitalized because of the disease. According to the LA Times, Orange County had its first case last week.

None have died. None have had life-threatening



symptoms. As the CDC puts it, the virus stays in your blood for "about a week" and then a person is likely to be "protected" from future infection.

The virus is real and dangerous if caught at the wrong moment by pregnant women, but it is far away from any of the other major viruses.

The most infamous virus in the world, HIV, has killed an estimated 36 million people since it was first recognized in 1980, and there was 8.2 million deaths from cancer in 2012 alone, according to WHO.

President Obama recently asked for an emergency fund of \$1.9 billion to take on the Zika virus — Congress is halting the president's demand — yet the National Cancer Institute reported that Washington has dedicated just an average of \$4.9 billion toward cancer research over the last six years.

Yes, the U.S. should try to help the world combat the Zika virus, especially now that it has hit U.S. soil. But the government shouldn't forget that it's also fighting a war against cancer, HIV and hundreds of other diseases in its own backyard.

Right now, the Zika virus is in the headlines and that's why people are hugging their moms, kissing their kids and waiting for the state of emergency.

There was Mad Cow Disease. Then, there was Swine flu. Now, it's the Zika virus.

There's a sad and scary trend that we fall into. We treat any type of infection, disease or illness like the boogie man. We tense up and hunker down. People resemble rapture truthers and claim the end is nigh.

The world isn't ending. You don't need to walk around all day with mosquito repellent tied to your waist or plastered on your skin.

There is no boogie man.

I'm not saying that the Zika virus is not a threat. Researchers searching endlessly for a vaccination and nations trying to spread awareness in affected regions are not wasting their time.

Don't be afraid. It's not a sweeping plague.

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MEN'S RUGBY

SJSU bulldozed by SFSU Gators

By Tony Nunez
Staff writer

The San Jose State Spartans could not keep up the pace with the visiting San Francisco State University Gators in their Pacific Western Conference finale, falling 55-10 on Saturday afternoon.

SFSU was winless entering the match, but showed no signs it had given up on its season against SJSU, which came in with a 2-5 record.

The 55 points was a conference game season-high for the Gators, who averaged 10 points per match in its seven losses.

SFSU head coach Dean White said everything finally clicked for his team after a tough season.

"They've been on the verge of that type of a run," White said. "It's just in their heads. That little moment of doubt and it stops. This time they did have some good focus."

The Gators scored the first points of the match on a try from Trevor Drake at the 10 minute mark and never looked back. They scored four more tries before the end of



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SJSU's Christian Escobedo (middle) plows his way through a pair of Gators during their Pacific Western Rugby Conference match Saturday in San Jose.

the half, and made a pair of conversions to head into the break, up 29-0.

Joseph Spoulos got the Spartans on the board four minutes into the second half with a try, but it was not enough.

"We had to try," Spoulos said. "Having good hands, cutting through and good conditioning helped make a push."

Early on, the Spartans had the Gators pinned and on their heels. SJSU controlled the ball at the goal line five times during the first 20 minutes but could not punch it in on either occasion. Not only did they come up empty handed, but the Spartans were gassed and beaten up.

"To go down there four or five times, to the one-yard line, and to come away with nothing breaks your back," said Rollo Toste, SJSU associate coach. "It was demoralizing."

Jose Acosta also scored a try for SJSU during the final minutes of the match.

After a promising 2-2 start to their season, the Spartans dropped their last five games. Spoulos and Toste said that there were many factors in the drop off. From injuries to players missing practice because of work and class, SJSU had plenty of obstacles in its way this season.

"We're fragile," Toste said. "I'm not going to say mentally. We get knocked off our game easy. It's because we don't come to practice. None of our kids are trust (fund)



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SFSU's Nick Seter (right) elevates over SJSU's Anson Tiang (left) to win the ball during their Pacific Western Rugby Conference match Saturday in San Jose.

kids. They have to work. They have to take classes at night. So we can't get everyone consistently at practice. It translates into what happened today."

Spoulos echoed his coach.

"We're a young team," Spoulos said. "We've had a lot of injuries this season. We've had a lot of guys drop out because of school or graduation — different things — and so we've been struggling to get at least 20 guys the entire season. If we can get the same group of guys to come out next season and recruit more, I feel like we'll have a much better season. We're just such a young fresh team."

Dean White was the head coach of the Spartans from 2006-10 and helped rebuild the program in those four years. He said he understands how tough it is to get everyone out to practice, recruit athletes and put together a successful team.

White said Saturday's win was the Gators second-ever conference win since the Pacific Western Conference was introduced in 2012. Their first also came against the Spartans.

"It's a tough thing," White said. "You try to do the best you can. I know it can be a bit of a challenge. There's a lot of options kids have. But San Jose State is a great team with great coaching and great guys. They'll be OK."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Spartans continue to cause a racket

By James Kim
Staff writer

San Jose State won its match 4-3 on Sunday match against the University of Idaho.

The team is now 7-4 for the season. Idaho drops to 9-7, and is now 4-1 in the Big Sky conference.

Marie Klocker partnered with Gaelle Rey to win their doubles match. Sybille Gauvain and Marine Dans won their doubles match with a score of 6-0, clinching the doubles point. The doubles results would decide the match as the singles rounds resulted in a 3-3 tie, with wins by Klocker, Rey, and Dans.

Klocker said the victory was a result of teamwork.

"Even if tennis is an individual sport, at some point ... we support each other," Klocker said.

"It was good taking care of business where we needed to, and we won that match quickly and decisively... Now we're getting ready for a tough team against Santa Barbara on Wednesday," Coach Chad Skorupka said.

The team recovered from its loss against Denver last Thursday after two weeks of postponed games due to the weather.

"We were fine after that break," said Skorupka about the weather-cancellations." That didn't affect us at all against the Denver matches. It was a good battle, down to the wire."

Klocker said her first loss of the season against Denver showed teamwork was important, as well as working together to

win despite individual losses. She is now 7-1 for the season in singles.

"Marie Klocker played well, was in a position, up 4-2, and serving 5-4 for the match, but unfortunately she just came up a little bit short," Skorupka said.

Both the coach and Klocker said that Kobayashi had been feeling sick for the day. "We tried to go fast so she can take care of herself," Klocker said.

The Spartans next match is against UC Santa Barbara and will take place on Wednesday at the Spartan Courts.

Afterward, the team will go to Texas for matches against Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University.

"We're putting them in situations where they're serving at 40-30, or serving at deuce and speeding up that game, so they feel the importance of that last point," said Skorupka about preparing for conference matches.

The first Mountain West conference match will be played April 1 against UNLV.

"We played a lot of deuce games against Denver, did fairly well and in practice we just got to simulate feeling that pressure," Skorupka said.

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